

Third Dementia Congress takes place in Croatia



Dr Ninoslav Mimica, Scientific Director & Vice-President of ADSC addresses the 3rd Croatian Congress on Alzheimer's Disease

The third Croatian Congress on Alzheimer's disease took place in September as a result of the collaboration between Alzheimer Disease Societies Croatia (ADSC), the Croatian Society for Clinical Psychiatry and the Croatian Society for Neuroscience. People from all

over the world attended the event held on the Brijuni islands, Croatia from 7 –10 September. The main objective of the conference was to highlight the tremendous growth in the number of people affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia in modern societies.

To commemorate the 100th year since the disease was first described, an exhibition of sculptures named 'In Honor of Alois Alzheimer' by Assistant Professor Dr Eduard Pavlovi accompanied the Congress.

Each of the topics was presented by distinguished invited speakers. During the opening ceremony, and prior to her introductory lecture on Alzheimer's Disease International, Christine McGregor, ADI elected board member, read a warm greeting letter from Orien Reid, ADI Chairman.

The Congress was focused on three main aspects: basic sciences, clinical science and self-support groups. After each session of lectures there was time for questions and discussions from which the participants seemed to benefit the most. A large number of submitted papers were presented in poster form, and they remained on display throughout the Congress.

Two hundred participants attended from ten different countries, making this the biggest event on Alzheimer's disease and dementia ever to have been held in Croatia. In future ADSC plan to hold this conference biannually to foster a comprehensive and holistic approach to dementia, bringing together Croatian and international experts and all people involved in dementia and related fields.